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- 1. In common with German wartime maps of various scales, the AMS 1:250,000 map series (Sheet B-ll) shows an incorrect alignment for the standard gauge single-track railway line between Simitli (N 41-54, E 23-07) and Gorna Dzhumaya (N 42-01, E 23-06, now Blagoevgrad). From Simitli station, which lies south of the village, to a point approximately five kilometers north of the village, the railway line runs along the west bank of the Struma River in company with the road. About one kilometer north of Simitli the road, which up to that point lies west of the railway, crosses the railway by a bridge and thereafter keeps to the east of the railway until it (the road) crosses the river about 1.5 kilometers north of Simitli. After this, the road remains on the east bank all the way to (and beyond) Gorna Dzhumaya.
- 2. The railway line, having crossed to the east bank of the Struma River at a point about five kilometers north of Simitli, almost immediately crosses back to the west bank. Some two kilometers farther north, it re-crosses to the east bank and remains there all the rest of the way to Gorna Dzhumaya. Just outside the Gorna Dzhumaya railroad station, the line crosses the Bistritsa River, a tributary of the Struma.
- 3. The sketch shown as an Appendix, page 2, based on a 1:100,000 map, gives an approximate idea of the road and rail alignments described above.
- 4. The three railway bridges are all of similar pattern: concrete and masonry construction, with iron handrails, 3-span with two pillars standing in the river. Their estimated length is from 50 to 80 meters. All of the bridges carry only a single track.

Comment: The alignments discussed in paragraphs 1 and 2 above do not agree with the Deutsche Heereskarte 1:100,000 series.

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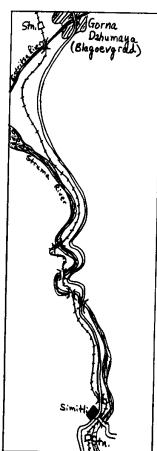
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APPENDIX

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Road and Rail Alignment between Simitli and Gorna Dzhumaya March 1954



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